OUIS SKILTON GRANTED TRAVEL FURLOUGH.

rites Graphic Description of Country From Chambery, France.

Louis Skilton, who is with the fiy-first infantry headquarters impany, writes to Mr. and Mr. ank Skilton, from Chambery, ance. He says he was very much orised when he found that he one of the fortunate ones of tern France. His letter is dated tained Will write about it after I take the trip.

24. and is in part as follows:
had a most pleasant surprise a few ago when I received advice to the the trip.

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39. Think I had better close for this time or I will be writing all night. and I was one of the fortunate of the headquarters company to be th of seven days for the purpose listing the Savoy region in south-stern France. His letter is dated wot that I was one of the fortunate who the headquarters company to be anted a furlough of seven days, exusive of traveling time, for the purse of visiting the Savoy region in utheastern France. I don't know extly how the choice of those to go was rived at, and that doesn't bother me by. The fact remains that I am just by having the most enjoyable time I we had since I entered the ranks. "I am writing this to you at a very ce hotel in the beautiful town of hambery. France, a short distance om Aix-les-Bains, a famous health sort, and within a very short distance the italian front.
"Everything has been provided for r. somfort by Uncle Sam, who foots in traveling and hotel bills. Everything has open to us, and there

in traveling and hotel bills. Everyin town is open to us, and there
been planned many interesting
to points of interest, if we wish
ke them. There is a splendid Y.
C. A. here at our disposal, with
ring and reading rooms, and vabenefits to complete and make
yable our stay here.

Tou can well imagine how great a
rea we have experienced, thirty-one

we have experienced, thirty-one om our company coming to such

catch the fast-retreating Germans may way on a front of perhaps six to it miles. They retreated so fast that division was absolutely unable to within striking distance, though ching day after day, and sometimes ing the night. You perhaps have it something in the papers about the use-Argonne drive. That is the less referring to a great master id something in the papers about the cuse-Argonne drive. That is the ive I am referring to, a great master roke on the part of the aliles. The cin large quantities of artillery and a rendered a stand on the part of the rmans at best hazardous, and when cked by the innumerable quantities infantry hurled into the fray, the rmans had no show for making a and at all. They were followed so tickly in their retreat that no opportive was given them to make a stand, ther they had fortifications prepared this use or not. Everywhere were ther they had fortifications prepared this use or not. Everywhere were leams of soldiers following, ready for tant action in case the Germans owed signs of resistance, and the ads were almost blocked with the mendously heavy volume of transportrucks, teams, automobiles.

Trucks, teams, automobiles.

something of the hateful traits of dermany something of the hateful traits of dermany income. Trucks, teams, automobiles, rses, mules, motorcycles and vehicles every description were in evidence, one time four divisions of men were ing to travel on the same road. It is a sight that I will not soon forget, a sight that I will not soon forget, a passed through village after village, to atoms and the roads wrecked by retreating Germans. Dead bodies e seen at intervals and relics of all its could have been obtained.

When we had gone a great distance this drive it was clearly evident that, ing to the norresistance of the Germany and as the French requested the or of recepturing Sedan, and the tish and the French had the situation of the hateful traits of dermany needs a physician, the secret of whose skill is the spirit of Christmas, 1918, on the Rhine.

Johann Won Over.

(Coblens Correspondence New York Tribune.)

Cranberries, oysters and dressing were wholly lacking, but the American army white flour, with Germany's army were well attended, but the gaps found in the doughboy's chow lines were explained best by the following typical example:

Old Johann Schmidt, who would have lead down his life for the kaiser in the Argonne hills six weeks ago, this non laid the choiceat morsels of the family Christmas goose on Doughboy.

have to stay and how well we are
ted here. Four of us have a room,
it is a fine, big room, having two
e windows extending nearly from
ceiling to the floor, with two pairs
ovely lace curtains on each of them,
have four single beds in the room,
I am telling you no lie (excuse
th language) when I say they are
most comfortable beds I ever slept
Of course I sleep in but one, but
all appear to be the same. There
hree upholstered chairs and a bench
ulso, and we have a private washso, and we have a private wash-vith hot and cold water. Every-s as nice asspossible, and Uncle



"LOGHTON THE SIGN"

eves and fitting glasses. We d

JAHNKE

Sam foots the bill!

"Our meals are good, too. For breakfast we had hot rolls, raspberry jam
and hot chocolate; for dinner we had
fine fish, mashed potatoes, mashed
beans, some kind of meat, bread, tea,
nuts; for supper we had roast beef, carrots, cauliflower, bread, tea and cheese.
We have good things like this at all our
meals.

meals.

"Three of us caught the 8:40 train this morning for a trip to Aix-les-Bains, arriving there about 9:20 a.m. and staying until about 10:25 a.m. Rather a short trip, but we can go any time, and we wanted to get back in time for dinner here.

"These cities are something that we have been unused to, having gone through the poorer sections of France heretofore, and they are very interesting.

Tomorrow (Monday) a crowd of us are going for an all-day trip up the Aips (Italian), and we ride about all the way, taking our lunches from the hotel. It is a very fine trip, and a wonderful view of the Aips, Mt. Blanc and the surrounding country can be obtained Will write about it after I take the trip.

CHRISTMAS ON THE RHINE The Yank Invader and Conquered Join in Celebration. (Edwin L. James in Kansas City

Coblens, Dec. 25.—Here on the banks of the Rhine the world seems topsy turvy this Christmas day, 1918. One thinks there was never such a Christ-mas before. Peace on earth, good will to men—Christmas spirit rules along the Rhine.

When before was the Christmas

spirit the measured tread of a foreign army? When before did conquering in-vaders join in celebrating the nativity vaders join in celebrating the nativity in the right and proper spirit with the conquered? But that is what is happening along the Rhine today.

What does this Christmas on the Rhine mean? Who can tell its effect on history? How can you figure it that the American soldiers whom children were calling switch the agency.

were calling swine when they came here ten days ago are now an object of adoration to those same children, and of respect to the children's parents? How can you figure it when a soldier with three stripes for wounds which the Germans gave him, walks down the street with a toy for the first German child he meets? Figure it any way you want to, it's true.

And when you have figured that out, try to explain why it is that President

Wilson, the man who did more than any other man to crush German hopes of victory, would, if he appeared here this Christmas day, get a welcome that would astound the world. Why is Oh, I have heard it is all part of a

deep laid plot. But what of deep laid plots knows the little boy who steps shyly from the sidewalk, and then with proudly down the street.

proudly down the street.

Seated here by the side of the Rhine and hearing the strains of "America" echo back from the historic hills, one wonders if those echoes will not revermany—cancers they are—and Germany needs a physician, the Great Physician, the secret of whose skill is the spirit of Christmas—the spirit of Christmas,

in all probability a month.

want to tell you what a good place want to stay and how well we are man interspersed Johann's Rhineland "Never before, since the war began."

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TOURISTS NUMEROUS.

Washington, Dec. 29.—In spite of the war and enforced restrictions on travel during the 1918 tourist season, the number of visitors to America's national parks was 98 per cent. of the total in 1917. Stephen T. Mather, supertendent of the national park service, established a year ago, has reported to Secretary Lane that visitors this year numbered 434,841, against 490,705 in 1917. For 1919 the director anticipates that the new privileres and the released restrictions will lead to immense increases.

in Use For Over 30 Years

The story told by Deamond Okewood opens with a visit to his friend Dickey Alierton, interned at Botterdam. He made this 'visit in answer to a cail, apparently most urgent. Alierton tells him a story and shows him a mysterious note which came from Van Urutius, a former business friend living in Holland. The note is interpreted to refer to Francis Okewood, supposed to be in the English intelligence department and from whom no tidings had been received for several months. This note, though rather vague in terms, is read to mean that Francis Okewood in Germany and leads to a search by the brother, which promises seem future thrills and many weeks of wandering in the war-stricken some. Desmond secures a room in a hotel run by a German woman. As he goes to his room he finds a man trying to get into the room next to the one to which he (Desmond) has been assigned. The stranger seems to be til. A short while later there is a curious choking noise and a deep grugling as of some one in the throes of death, followed by a furious scratching on the psaces for some one in the throes of death, followed by a furious scratching on the psace; of Desmond's door, which is suddenly burst open and a body falls heavily into the room.

The mysterious sound which startled Capt. Okewood after he had retired proved to be the dead body of Dr. Semilis, occupant of the adjoining room, whom he had encountered on entering the hotel. A search of the dead man's possessions proved him to be a spy, and Okewood found a strange device, which puried the finder and which promises to lead to more startling developments.

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CHAPTER IV (Continued)
I held in my hand a badge of the I heid in my hand a badge of the German secret police.

You cannot penetrate far behind the scenes in Germany without coming across the traces of section seven of the Berlin police presidency, the section that is known euphemistically as that of the political police. Ostensibly it attends to the safety of the monarch, and of distinguished personages generally, and the numerous suite that used to accompany the kaiser on his visits to England invariably included two or three top-hatted representatives of the section.

The ramifications of Abtellung Sieben are, in reality, much wider. It does such work in connection with the newspapers as is even too dirty for the German foreign office to touch, comprising everything from the launching of personal attacks in obscure blackmalling sheets against inconvenient politicians to the escorting of unpleasantly truthful foreign correspondents to the frontier.

he frontier. It is the obedient handmaiden of the intelligence department of both war office and admiralty in Germany, and renders faithful service to the espionage which is constantly maintained on officials, politicians, the clergy and the general public in that land of careful organization.

general public in that land of careful organization.

Section seven is a wast, subterranean department. Always working in the dark, its political complexion is a handy cloak for blacker and more sinister activities. It is frequently entrusted with commissions of which it would be inexpedient for official Germany to have cognizance and which, accordingly, official Germany can always safely repudiate when occasion demands.

ways safely repudiate when occasion demands.

I thrust the pin of the badge into my braces and fastened it there, crammed the rest of the dead man's effects into his bag, stuck his hat upon my head and threw his overcoat on my arm, picked up his bag and crept away. In another minute I was back in my room, my brain affame with the fire of a great enterprise.

Here, to my hand, lay the key of that locked land which held the secret of my lost brother. The question I had been asking myself, ever since I had first discovered the dead man's American papers of identity, was this. Had I the nerve to avail myself of Semlin's American passport to get into Germany? The answer to that question lay in the little silver badge. I knew that no German official, whatever his standing, whatever his orders, would refuse passage to the silver star of section seven. It need only be used, too, as a last resource, for I had my papers as a neutral. Could I but once set foot in Germany, I was quite ready to depend on my wits to see me through. One advantage, I knew, I must forego. That was the haif-letter in its canyas case.

If that document was of importance to section seven of the German police, then it was of equal, nay, of greater

to section seven of the German police, then it was of equal, nay, of greater importance to my country. If I went, importance to my country. If I went, that should remain behind in safe keep-

dialect over the red tablecioth of the Schmidt family Christmas board.

Six weeks ago, over there in the Argonne, Willie would have pumped old Johann full of holes at the slightest chance, but the armistice and the German Christmas spirit put Willie's feet under the Schmidt table today as an honored guest. Willie's ancestors left the Rhineland four generations ago to escape military service under Kaiser Willie Joined the Eighteenth infantry regiment in St. Louis last year, and

escape military service under Kaiser Wilhelm the First.

Wille joined the Eighteenth infantry regiment in St. Louis last year, and after dinner today, with the whole Schmidt family, went to hear Gen. Mc-Laughlin, of the First division, make a speech about democracy, after the band had played "America Forever" and "The Star Spangled Banner" in front of the statue of the old Kaiser Wilhelm the First in the public square.

Christmas Breaks Rules.

There were many Willie Hoffman incidents in the American area today that were against fraternization orders, but, as one officer explained this afternoon, it's Christmas. The German village folk were so glad to see the first peace-time Christmas in years that they invited the boys in by the thousands. It isn't that these Rhineland villagers are showing the Americans ostentatious friendship because of the probable effect at the peace table. Their simple friendship is genuine. It is the so-called better classes who palaver now, while under their skins they hate us, aiways well knowing that it was our militarys weight that served the kaiser and militarism the, final knockout.

Johann Schmidt and his kind are glad that the war ended as it did.

LABOR LEADER MURDERED

Johann Schmidt and his kind.

LABOR LEADER MURDERED

Business Agent of Hod Carriers Shot Seven Times.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—John Di Giovanni, business agent of the hodcarriers' union, is dead today—murdered late last night while returning home rrom a meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor, at which a new political party was launched.

The labor official was shot seven times by two men who stepped from a hallway near his home and emptied their revolvers at him.

Four of the shots struck Di Giovanni in the breast, one in his chin, another in the neck and the seventh in the left wrist. The murderers escaped. Pedestrians found the body a short time after. Police today are searching for two members of a bolshevik element of the union, which recently started a disturbance at a union meeting in honor of Italian leaders visiting this country.

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Washington, Dec. 29.—In spite of the war and enforced restrictions on travel during the total in 1817. Stephen T. Mather, supertendent of the national parks was 38 per cent, of the total in 1817. For 1819 the director anticipates that the new privileges and the whether to take the supreme risk and adventure myself into the enemy's country.

Whatever I was going to do, there were not many hours of the night left in which to sct, and I was determined to be out of that house of ill omen before day dawned. If I could get clear of the hotel and at the same time as stranger there as myself, I could decide on my further course of action in the greater freedom of the streets of Rotterdam. One thing was certain; the water had let the question of Sentin's papers stand over until the morning as he had done in my case, for Semilin's papers stand over until the mering at the water had only seen him for the same brief moment as he had seen me.

Thus I re

body?
At that moment came a low knocking.
With a sudden sinking at the heart
I remembered I had forgotten to lock

CHAPTER V The Lady of the Voicing of the list of national parks and that steps be taken to acquire for the United States the Mammoth cave in Kentucky, the sand dune area in Indiana and the gigantic tree areas in Callifornia.

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CHAPTER V

The Lady of the Vos in't Tuintje Here was Destiny knocking at the door. It that instant my mind was made up. For the moment, at any made up. For the moment, at any made up. For the moment, at any made up. For the moment, at would biragen it out; I would be Semilin and go through with it to the bitter end, aye, and if it took me to the very gates of Hell.

The knocking was repeated.

theid her last and drew her into the room.

She steed motionless with her lamp, at the head of the corpse. She seemed to have regained her self-possession. The woman was no longer frightened. I felt instinctively that her fears had been all for herself, not for that livid horror sprawling on the floor. When she spoke her manner was almost businessike.

"I was told nothing of this," she

she spoke her manner was almost businesslike.

"I was told nothing of this," she said. "Who is it? What do you want me to do?"

Of all the sensations of that night, none has left a more unpleasant odor in my memory than the manner of that woman in the chamber of death. Her voice was incredibly hard. Her duit, basilisk eyes, geeking in mine the answers to her questions, gave me an eerie sensation that makes my blood run cold whenever I think of her.

Then suddenly her manner, arrogant, insolent, cruel, changed. She became polite. She was obsequious. Of the two the first manner became her vasily better. She looked at me with a curious air, almost with reverence, as it seemed to me. She said, in a purring voice:

"Ach se! I did the understand. The

"Ach, so! I did not understand. The gentleman must excuse me."
And she purred again: "So!"
It was then I noticed that her eyes were fastened upon my chest. I followed their direction.
They rested on the silver badge I had stuck in my suspenders.
I understood and held my peace. Silver badge in the silver badge I had stuck in my suspenders. lence was my only trump until I knew how the land lay. If I left this woman alone, she would tell me all I wanted to know.

alone, she would tell me all I wanted to know.

In fact, she began to speak again.

"I expected you," she said, "but not " this. Who is it this time? A Frenchman, eh?"

"An Englishman," I said curtly.

Her eyes opened in wonder.

Ach, mein" she cried—and you would have said her voice vibrated with pleasure—"An Englishman! El. ei!"

"If ever a human being licked its chops, that woman did.

She wagged her head and repeated to herself: "El. ei!" adding, as if to explain her surprise, "he is the first we have had.

"You brought him here, eh! But why up here? Or did der Steize send him?"

She fired this string of questions at me without pausing for a reply. She continued:

"I was out, but Karl told me. There was another came, too: Franz sent him."

"This is he." I said. "I caught him."

him."
"This is he," I said. "I caught him prying in, my room and he died."
(TO BE CONTINUED TOMORROW.)

FOR MERCHANT MARINE Two Thousand Young Men Needed

Washington, Dec. 28.-Immediate need for 2,000 young men to be trained for service in the United States merchant marine was an states merchant marine was announced today by the shipping board because of the rapid delivery of cargo vessels, which are now to be manned exclusively by merchant crews. The board said there was an unusual demand for such men which must be met within a few weeks.

Of the 2,000 men now wanted, 1,500 are to take the places of apprentices just sent to sea from ships of the board's Atlantic training squad-ron base at Boston, and 500 for its Pacific training ships at San Fran-

BAR REFERENDUM. Alsatians Proclaim Region Part of

France.

Paris.—(N. E. A.)—Alsace-Lorraine does not consider a vote necessary to determine if the provinces shall be restored to France. Net if the resolution here quoted is the sentiment of the people. It was adopted by the unitional assembly, it was further supported by the voice of the president of the assembly, who said:

"A referendum would now be irrational. It has just been made by the whole of the Alsatian people in the course of past events." The resolution of adherence to France says. "The deputies of Alsace and Lorraine is sued from universal suffrage and constituted into a national assembly joyfully acclaim the return of Alsace-Lorraine to France after a long and cruel separation. Our provinces will be proud to owe to the recovered mother country, together with the safeguard of their traditions, their religious beliefs and their seconditions, their religious beliefs and their seconditions their selicity of the seconditions of the seconditions of the resolution of the second the second

Show you're happy-Whistle,-

GEN. SEMENOFF BREAKS WITH OMSK LEADERS



GENERAL SEMENOFFL

Gen. Semenoff, Cossack leader, who has been in command of the anti-bolshevik forces in the Trans-Balkal brazen it out; I would be Semiln and go through with it to the bitter end, aye, and if it took me to the very gates of Hell.

The knocking was repeated.

"May one come in?" said a woman's voice in German.

I stepped across the corpse and opened the door a foot or so.

There stood a woman with a lamp. She was a middle-aged woman with an egg-shaped face, fat and white and puffy, and pale, crafty eyes. She was

CHIEF HOSTESS TO MRS. WILSON DURING VISIT



Madame Poincare is the wife the president of France, and as such she is chief hostess to the wife of the president of the United States during the stay of President and

WOUNDED GIRL AND ARRESTED FLIER

LIEUT. MANGAN HAS BOUT WITH POLICEMAN.

Refused to Stop His Car and Officer Shoots Miss

Rose Patik. New York, Dec. 28.-Lieut, Daniel Mangan, of the British flying corps, is held by the police at Jamaica, L. L. today and Miss Rose Patik, of Jersey City, is in a local hospital suffering from a bullet wound in the thigh, following a tussle between Lieut, Mangan and Military Police-man Edward J. Weldon at a Jamaica cross-road when Mangan refused to policeman was stationed at Jamaica with orders to stop all city-bound automobiles as a result of the escape of four soldiers who were being held at the flying field at Mineola, L. I., on charges of desertion. He ordered Mangan to stop his car and the order was disregarded, Mangan after-ward claiming he ignored the order because of former holdups in neighborhood. Weldon jumped to the running board of the car, and in the tursle which followed his revolver was discharged, and Miss Patik received a bullet in the thigh. Lieut. Mangan says he has been a member of the British flying corps for nearly four years, and is home on a furlough. He is the son of D.

KING GEORGE MAY **VISIT UNITED STATES**

is charged with driving a car with-

C. Mangan, a Brooklyn surgeon.

FAVORS EXCHANGE OF VIS. ITS OF WARSHIPS.

Rumor Current That His Majesty Will Come Over After Conditions Become Normal.

(Mr. Edwards was present at the surrender of the German fleet in the North ses, as correspondent of the International News Service, when King George visited the United International News Service, when King George visited the United States battleship New York.)

Paris, Dec. 30.—(I. N. S.)—There is another rumor current—this time well authenticated in official circles—that King George will visit the United States as soon as the intertational situation becomes normal again.

It is known that the king is strongly in favor of a veryly exchange of white

It is known that the king is strongly in favor of a yearly exchange of visits by American and British warships. He so expressed himself to Admiral Rodman. U. S. N.

When the king paid a visit to Admiral Rodman's flagship, the New York, in the Firth of Forth, on the eve of the departure of the American warships with the allied fleet to accept the surrender of the German fleet, he was greatly impressed by the cordial feeling between the American and British officers and enlisted men who were constantly mingling and providing extensive entertainments.

King George told Admiral Rodman at that the cordial feeling between the two navies should be continued, with exten-

of Friday night, the workmen's and soldiers' central council has been soiders' central council has been summoned to meet with a view to reconstructing the government in Berlin. This report was contained in a Berlin dispatch to the Copenhagen Berlingske Tidende.

tion is to be found in the struggle between the independent socialists and the Spartacus group for control in or-der to prevent the meeting of the nader to prevent the meeting of the national assembly. It points to the probability of a repetition of the events of Nov. 9, with the result that the radicals might constitute a new government dominated by Georg Ledebour and Dr. Karl Liebknecht. The Freiheit, the organ of the independent socialists, declares that the position of the cabinet is critical and that it is not likely to survive in its present make-up. The Taeglische Rundschau says it is highly uncertain if Ebert and Scheldemann will be able to save the situation for themselves.

INFLUENZA COSTS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS

FLU KILLS MORE THAN WAR.

thus far cost life insurance companies in the United States \$50,000,000 This is the estimate made by Vice President Lunger, of the Equitable "Industrial," that is the small weekly-payment policy companies, are said to have lost \$30,000,000 of the total.

"Flu" and pneumonia have in-creased the death-claim payments of usual average. Several companies are "passing" dividends to policy holders, in anticipation of further losses from the

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company death claims up to December 1, able Life at \$793,203; Provident Life at \$15,000,000 more than for the corresponding date in 1917 and still are coming in at double the normal amount of claims are not yet avail-

pneumonia loss at \$2,000,000; Equitable Life at \$793,203; Provident Life

friends,
At the same time it was assumed that
if Mr. Asquith desires to continue ac-

Mr. Asquith desires to continue ac-tive in politics, a new seat in commons will be found for him by one of his followers resigning in his favor. The final count gave the Lloyd George faction a majority of over 220 votes in the parliament.

SUB NEVER ARRIVED.

Picture of U-Boat on Thames Was

OFFICIALLY COMMENDED Members 117th Given Official Citations Members 117th Given Official Citations for Meritorious Conduct.

Knoxville. Dec. 30.—(Special)—
Twenty-eight officers and men from the 117th regiment, commanded by Col. Cary F. Spence, attached to the Fifty-ninth brigade, commanded by Gen. L. D. Tyson, are among those who have been given official citations for meritorious conduct by Maj.-Gen. Edward M. Lewis, commander of the Thirtieth division.

Thirtieth division.

The officers and men from the 117th infantry included in this first list of divisional citations are as follows:

Maj. Charles W. Dyer, Knoxville.

Maj. Caleb R. Hathaway, Elizabeth-Maj. Nathaniel E. Callen, Athens and

Capt. (now Maj.) Ernest W. Andes. Capt. Amiel W. Brinkley, Memphis. First Lieut. William C. Boyd, Knox-

Second Lieut, Robert W. Goforth Athens,
Second Lieut. Waiter C. Carison.
Sergt. William C. Taylor, Bristol.
Sergt. Ike Friedman, Chattanooge.

Sergt. Paul Igou, Chattanooga. Sergt, Marshall B. Dudderar, Chatta-

Corpl. Merl Doty, Chattanooga. known here: Sergt. John Hunt, Company K. Sergt. Luther Davis.
Sergt. Andrew J. Padgett, Com-

Oscar F. Brunner, Company K. Robert Rust, Company K. Corpl. Bedford B. Lunsford, Com-

Private Jess Nelson, Company K. Private Walter A. Morgan, Compa-Private Leonard Fritts, Company M.
Private Willie Cross, Company M.
Company K. was originally composed
principally of Chattanoga men and
Company M was made up of Elizabeth-

here by a brother-in-law of Col. Cary F. Spence, commanding the Tennessee

NEW PARTY LAUNCHED

Pledges Municipal Ownership and Better Labor Conditions.
Chicago, Dec. 30.—The labor party of Cook county, with a constitution piedging municipal ownership of all public utilities and advocating better labor conditions, better wages and a reduc-tion in the cost of living, is in the field today, with John Fitzpatrick, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, as standard-bearer in the coming mayor-alty contest.

The new party was organized Sunday at a meeting attended by one thousand

Important Austro-Hungarian Naval Base Taken Over. Paris, Dec. 28.—French troops have occupied Cattaro, the important Aus-tro-Hungarian naval base on the Dalmatian coast, it was learned this

CARPETBAG GOVERNMENT. New York and London Agitators Run

tween the American and British officers and enlisted men who were constantly mingling and providing extensive entertainments.

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CRISIS APPROACHING

Berlin Government Rapidly Losing Authority.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—(A. P.)—While the government continues to deny the existence of a crisis, developments appear to be rapidly approaching the point where the Ebert-Haase cabinet will no longer be able to assert its authority.

The Berlin newspapers reflect the apprehension pervading all circles. The Vossische Zeltung, for instance, says the six men who sign for the government, and it calls upon the newly created central council of soldiers and workers to assume the responsibility.

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CAPTURED By CORRESPONDENTS**

According to a Copenhagen dispatch f Friday night, the workmen's and "CAPTURED" BY CORRESPONDENTS

Two Members of the Associated Press Staff With American Army First to Enter Stensy. The New York Heraid on Nov. 14 pub-lished the following dispatch from Burr The Tageblatt declares it would be fatal to pin hopes to the national assembly as a constituent body or as one which could repair the damage now threatening. The Lokal Anzeiger believes that the crux of the situation is to be found in the structure that the crux of the situation is to be found in the structure that the crux of the situation is to be found in the structure that the crux of the situation is to be found in the structure that the crux of the situation is to be found in the structure that the crux of the situation is the structure that the situation is the structure that the structure that the situation is the situation is the structure that the situation is the situation is the situation is t

hold to fall before the armistice became effective, was captured by American newspaper men. They were the first to enter the town—even ahead of the victorious, onrushing Yankee doughboys. Indeed, Stensy was in reality captured by correspondents of the Associated Press, who has hastened forward into it, knowing that it would be the last Meuse stronghold to be evacuated by the Germans.

"And it so happened that these newspaper men got into Stensy ahead of our troops. That was the wonderful was that they found the town deserted by the Germans, all of whom had fied."

The correspondents referred to are Philip M. Powers and Burge McFall.

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MORE DISAFFECTION
Independent Socialists Expect to Form
New Cabinet.
Copenhagen, Dec. 28,—Independent
German socialists are expected to form a new cabinet in Berlin soon, perhaps tougy, according to a report from that city. Representatives of the people's commissaries and the independent socialists conferred all day Friday in Berlin without any result.

Sinn Felners May Abandon Policy of Refusing to St in Parliament.
London, Dec. 30.—(By British Wireless Press.)—Having secured seventy-three seats in the house of commons, would abandon the policy of refusing to such that the Sinn Felners would abandon the policy of refusing to such that former Presmier H. H. Asquith who was defeated in the election, might retire from polities as a result of his defeat, but this

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ELIMINATE GERMAN.

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New York.—(By Mail.)—A nationwide campaign is being conducted by the American Defonac society to eliminate the teaching of formal in the schools inroughout the United States. In a letter written the principals of public acheels, private schools and colleges throughout the country the society urges that French, Italian, Spanish and ituasian should be given prominence in the curriculum, with a view to strengthening trade relations be tween these countries. The letter, which is signed by Dr. William T. Hernaday, reads:

"Reports are rife that with the ending of the war there is to be an attempt to fore upon our American youth the language of the people whose hands are stained with the holed of their fathers and brothers. The Geman language has been used as a weapon rected at the heart of America by Germ propagandists. It is the opinion of many our prominent educators that German is r an essential in any course of study, and it to be hoped that our American youth will nearly the permit its being forced upon them for a reason whatseever. The hext five years v witness a crystallization of educational option, and upon that crystallization will depet the future of American education.



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